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Sir:

The following comments are in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated August 10, 2005.

Applicant believes that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is improper as it merely copies portions of each limitation of the independent claim into the reasons for allowance. While Applicant believes that the claims are allowable, Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Also, reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear the Examiner's reasons for allowing a claim or claims (see 37 CFR §1.104(e)). In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is

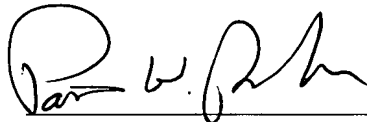
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necessary or warranted. Furthermore, Applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement, including the filtering of non-continuous data, in the reasons for allowance and does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's interpretation of the teachings of the cited art.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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